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SUBJECT IEA GOVERNING BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 5-7:

PRODUCER/CONSUMER RELATIONS

1. SUMMARY. DISCUSSION OF PRODUCER-CONSUMER RELATIONS CENTERED ON IEA PARTICIPATION AT PREPARATORY MEETING. THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE SUPPORT FOR ACCEPTING YAMANI/FRENCH LIST OF INVITEES UNDER CERTAIN EXPLICIT CONDITIONS, WHICH WOULD LIMIT IEA PARTICIPATION TO THE US, EC AND JAPAN, BUT FINAL OUTCOME WAS TO POSTPONE DECISION ON PARTICIPATION UNTIL NEXT MEETING. END SUMMARY.

2. AFTER INITIAL DISCUSSION AT GOVERNING BOARD, DAVIGNON CIRCULATED TEXT WHICH WOULD CONSTITUTE CONDITIONAL ACCEPTANCE OF YAMANI/FRENCH LIST OF TEN INVITEES TO PREPARATORY MEETING, INCLUDING US, EC AND JAPAN AS INDUSTRIALIZED CONSUMER REPRESENTATIVES. THIS PROPOSAL RECEIVED WIDESPREAD SUPPORT FROM EC COUNTRIES, SWITZERLAND AND SWEDEN, MAINLY ON GROUNDS THAT OPENING UP PARTICIPATION BEYOND THE TEN IN YAMANI/FRENCH LIST WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO CONTAIN. CANADA, HOWEVER, WITH US SUPPORT, PRESSED FOR CANADIAN PARTICIPATION IN VIEW OF CANADA'S IMPORTANCE AS BOTH PRODUCER AND CONSUMER OF OIL. US REP STATED THAT ORIGINAL YAMANI LIST DRAWN UP TO BE IN PRODUCERS' SELF-INTEREST AND WE SHOULD NOT FEEL BOUND TO MAINTAIN IT. SPAIN AND TURKEY MADE LENGTHY PLEAS FOR DIRECT PARTICIPATION. US ADVOCATED PRESENCE OF IEA (GB CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARIAT) AS FULL PARTICIPANT, TO REPRESENT VIEWS OF IEA NON-PARTICIPANT MEMBERS. FINAL DECISION WAS TO REMIT QUESTION OF IEA PARTICIPATION TO NEXT MEETING OF GOVERNING BOARD.

3. OTHER ASPECTS OF PRODUCER-CONSUMER RELATIONS, INCLUDING CONDITIONS IEA WOULD INSIST UPON IN ANY EVENT AT PREPARATORY MEETING, WERE SUMMED UP IN DRAFT CONCLUSIONS OF GOVERNING BOARD AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT

1. THE GOVERNING BOARD IS OF THE OPINION THAT, HAVING REGARD TO THE PROGRESS ACHIEVED IN DEVELOPING COOPERATION BETWEEN CONSUMER COUNTRIES, IN PARTICULAR IN RELATION TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FINANCIAL SOLIDARITY AND ENERGY CONSERVATION, IT BEING UNDERSTOOD THAT SATISFACTORY PROGRESS WILL BE ABLE TO BE REALIZED IN THE FIELD OF ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF ENERGY, IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO HOLD A PREPARATORY MEETING BEFORE THE END OF MARCH; THE OBJECT OF THAT MEETING WOULD BE "TO CONSIDER ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT STAGES OF A DIALOGUE ON OIL BETWEEN PRODUCING AND CONSUMING COUNTRIES". MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE AGENCY WILL

ADOPT A FINAL POSITION IN THIS REGARD AT THEIR NEXT MEETING.

2. AT THE PRESENT STAGE, THE GOVERNING BOARD RESERVES ITS POSITION ON THE PROPOSALS CONCERNING REPRESENTATION OF THE INDUSTRIALIZED CONSUMER COUNTRIES. ON THE BASIS OF THE FURTHER INFORMATION IT WILL SEEK TO OBTAIN, THE BOARD'S POSITION ON THIS POINT WILL BE SETTLED AT ITS NEXT MEETING.

3. THE COUNTRIES OF THE IEA WERE NOT CONSULTED ABOUT THE SUGGESTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE FOR A PREPARATORY MEETING INVOLVING FOUR PRODUCING, THREE INDUSTRIAL CONSUMER AND THREE DEVELOPING CONSUMER COUNTRIES AND COULD NOT ACCEPT IT AS A BASIS FOR REPRESENTATION ON ANY SUBSEQUENT OCCASIONS. FOR THE PREPARATORY MEETING, IN ANY

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CASE, THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS WILL HAVE TO BE MET:

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(I) THAT THE PREPARATORY MEETING IS A PROCEDURAL MEETING, CONDUCTED AT OFFICIAL LEVEL, TO DETERMINE THE MODALITIES OF THE NEXT STAGE OF A CONSUMER-PRODUCER DIALOGUE ON OIL;

(II) THAT THE MEMBERSHIP AND PROCEDURES OF THE PREPARATORY MEETING BE ENTIRELY WITHOUT PREJUDICE SO FAR AS THE MEMBERSHIP AND PROCEDURES OF SUBSEQUENT STAGES OF THE DIALOGUE ARE CONCERNED;

(III) THAT THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY, A PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF WHICH IS TO FOSTER SUCH A DIALOGUE, BE INVITED TO ATTEND WITH OBSERVER STATUS.

3. THE GOVERNING BOARD WILL DETERMINE THE POSITION WHICH SHOULD BE TAKEN BY MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE AGENCY PARTICIPATING IN THE PREPARATORY MEETING ON SUCH QUESTIONS AS THE AGENDA, PROCEDURE AND ATTENDANCE FOR THE SUBSEQUENT STAGES OF THE DIALOGUE.

4. MEMBER COUNTRIES WHICH DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE PREPARATORY MEETING RESERVE TO THEMSELVES THE RIGHT TO DECIDE WHETHER THEY WILL BE BOUND BY THE RESULTS OF THE MEETING. END TEXT.

(NOTE: THIS TEXT IS PROVISIONAL DRAFT AND IN VIEW OF HURRIED LAST SESSION OF GOVERNING BOARD A FINAL VERSION WILL NOT BE CIRCULATED UNTIL AT LEAST FEB. 10.)

4. GOVERNING BOARD ALSO APPROVED FOLLOWING TEXT IN RESPONSE TO OPEC MINISTERIAL WHICH CHAIRMAN DAVIGNON USED IN HIS PRESS CONFERENCE AT CLOSE OF MEETING.

BEGIN TEXT

ONE OF THE MAIN PURPOSES OF THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY FROM ITS INCEPTION HAS BEEN TO ESTABLISH A DIALOGUE ON ENERGY WITH THE OIL PRODUCING AND WITH OTHER OIL CONSUMING COUNTRIES, INCLUDING DEVELOPING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COUNTRIES.

ACCORDINGLY THE GOVERNING BOARD IS GLAD TO NOTE THE READINESS OF THE OPEC COUNTRIES, EXPRESSED AT ALGIERS ON 26TH JANUARY, TO TAKE PART IN A DIALOGUE WITH CONSUMING COUNTRIES. THE BOARD HOPES THAT A DIALOGUE ON ENERGY BETWEEN OIL PRODUCING AND CONSUMING COUNTRIES CAN BE STARTED AT AN EARLY DATE. END TEXT.

5. REGARDING CHAIRMANSHIP OF PREPARATORY MEETING, US PROPOSED ROTATING CHAIRMANSHIP AMONG PARTICIPANTS BUT MOST OTHER DELEGATIONS HAD NO FIXED POSITION. SOME EC DELEGATES NOTED THAT DRIFT TO FRENCH CHAIRMANSHIP APPEARED INEVITABLE WHILE GERMAN DELEGATE TOLD US PRIVATELY THAT GERMANY WAS COMMITTED TO SUPPORT FRENCH CHAIRMANSHIP. IN SEPARATE BILATERAL TALKS, FRENCH EXPLAINED THAT THEY WERE PREPARED TO ACT AS "ADMINISTRATIVE CHAIRMAN" FOR THE PREPARATORY MEETING, AND THAT THEY SAW NO FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVE TO THEM. WE TOLD FRENCH WE PREFERRED ROTATING CHAIRMANSHIP.

6. AS FOR ATTENDANCE OF IEA AS OBSERVER, IT WAS AGREED THAT THIS WOULD BE DONE IN SUCH A WAY AS TO PERMIT IEA REPRESENTATIVE TO SPEAK AT PREPARATORY MEETING.

7. STANDING GROUP ON PRODUCER-CONSUMER RELATIONS WILL MEET NEXT ON MARCH 17-18, AND PRINCIPAL SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION WILL BE AGENDA FOR ULTIMATE PRODUCER-CONSUMER CONFERENCE.

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